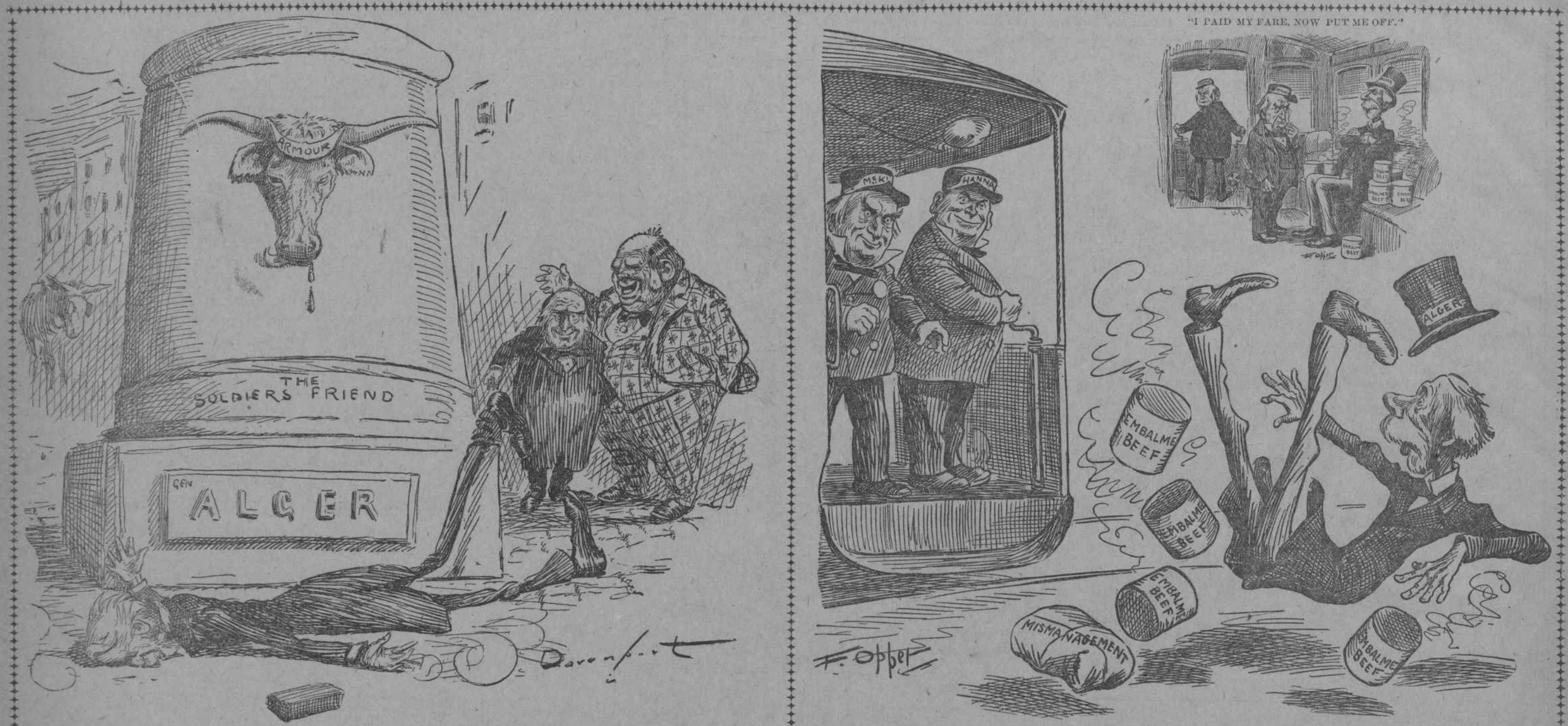


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To the Editor of the Journal:
I am forty years old and an Irishman, and by the grace of God am now an American citizen. I have served twelve years in the British army and have been through several campaigns, putting in only eight months on home service. I went through the Zulu war, the Boer war and through the Egyptian campaigns of 1882 and 1884-85. I also went through the Spanish-American war and fought with the Sixteenth regulars at San Juan Hill.

I hold the Victoria Cross for bravery at Rorke's Drift in the Zulu war and a Distinguished Service medal for bravery in the Sudan. I do not intend to contrast the treatment I received while in active service with the British army with that received while on active service with the American army. However, it may not be amiss to say that a contrast would not be in favor of the American army.

My purpose in addressing you is to show what great influence is exercised on troops by utmost confidence or otherwise in their commander-in-chief. I want to show you that we were on the verge of absolute demoralization while fighting in Cuba on account of our complete loss of confidence in our commanding general. The opprobrious epithets applied to him by both officers and men are absolutely unprintable. Suffice to say relative to that campaign that "all is well that ends well."

During the early stages of the Zulu war we were practically beaten and were becoming completely demoralized. Why? Because both officers and men had lost confidence in our commanding general, Lord Chelmsford, and were consequently losing confidence in ourselves.

But what a transformation came over the scene when Sir Garnet Wolseley appeared! We pulled ourselves together and would have gone through hell's fire at his bidding. So we soon settled the Zulus.

Again, during the Boer war we were completely demoralized on account of our loss of confidence in the ill-fated Buller. I could quote several instances. Where would we have been in Egypt in 1882 had we been commanded by any other general than the man who had proved to us that he deserved our utmost confidence? Yes, we would have faced an army of a million as readily as we did the Egyptians, and I believe we would have beaten them under the circumstances.

Now, sir, I maintain that the Philippine war will never end, no matter how many troops are sent, unless a general is sent capable of handling them and in whom they have the utmost confidence.

VICTORIA CROSS.
Vigorous Policy Wanted.
To the Editor of the Journal:
Your letter to the President in to-day's issue I believe is the right thing, and I wish to add my encouragement to your boldness and bravery to oppose the wrong and often the strong in favor of the right. Thousands are looking to you daily; yes, thousands would gladly cheer you on in your noble work only for their timidity.

I am only one. I can cast but one vote, but I want that on the right side. I believe with you that a vigorous and prompt policy in the Philippines is the most humane, and will cause less bloodshed and suffering on both sides than the dilly-dally plan.

I have read your paper, both morning and evening, for several years, and I feel quite well acquainted with you. Your power for good, I think, cannot be excelled or exceeded. I mean at the present time, as you reach hundreds of thousands, if not millions, your influence is greater than all the ministers in the territory of your circulation. Now, what I most admire is your sympathy with the weak and your gentleness and fair dealing with your critics. Keep right on. Don't let any insult disturb you, and your conscience will repay you. Yours sincerely, C. L. T. Scranton, Pa., July 14.

What Would Lincoln Have Done?
To the Editor of the Journal:
You are right about the imperative necessity of sending Miles to the Philippines, and your editorial, with the ring of another Junius, should go through the country trumpet-tongued, sounding the death-knell of "peanut" politics and small potato "statesmanship" at Washington, so costly in the lives of gallant men, and the opening of a new period of effective victory.

Lincoln never hampered Grant in '64 when Grant was talked of for the Presidential nomination; never tried any mean, hypocritical tricks to keep a victorious and thoroughly competent general in the shade. No Shafter or Otis was shoved to the front. Chase was expressly requested to remain in the Cabinet, although he was openly bidding for the nomination against his chief.

Would Lincoln act as McKinley is acting to-day? The question answers itself. Cease not to attack this hideous hypocrisy at Washington. Compel that man to do right. You can do it. You, more than any one man, compelled him to right the wrongs of Cuba. Compel him to right the wrongs of the American soldier in the Philippines.

Compel this Presidential Tartuffe or Mokanna to do his duty. Apply the lash; he needs it, and will heed nothing else. Speak to him, an unfaithful servant, as one of his masters—the people—in behalf of the people. Ten million voters are at your back. McKinley, as President, has his responsibility. You, as a publicist, addressing the American people daily, have yours.

Put a tongue in every wound of every American soldier that falls in the Philippines till the country rings with the demand for an adequate army and Miles to lead it. You have scored once in Cuba. Score again in the Philippines. And may the God of Battles be with you! W. Burlington, Vt., July 18.

MacArthur a Fighter.
New York, July 19, 1899.
To the Editor of the Journal:
I read with much interest the demand of your paper for a new general at Manila, and cannot resist the temptation any longer to put in a plea for fair play. There is now, and has been for some time, a general officer there who can solve the problem. He has been hard at it from start to finish. Every move has been a success. Not a single march to the galleries has he made, but every minute he has been sawing wood.

I refer to Major-General Arthur MacArthur. He is a born fighter. At the battle of Franklin, when only twenty, he commanded the Twenty-fourth Wisconsin and led the charge of O'Dyke's brigade, which repulsed the only break made in our line that day, and drove Cheatham's division back from our trenches. For this he was made a captain in the regular army. He was lieutenant-colonel and assistant adjutant-general when this war broke out. He will give these people all the fighting they want and keep them going as surely as Sherman would have done.

If his must go, advance the men who are in the field. Keep up the esprit de corps of the army by teaching subordinates that they will be encouraged by the Government. In '61 it was a demoralizing sight to old veterans, who could not be promoted because their commands had been depleted by service below the maximum, to see dry goods clerk, with an eagle on each shoulder, march into camp with a new regiment.

MacArthur has earned and deserves this promotion, and is a past master in the school of strategy. AN OLD WARRIOR.
Let the Soldiers Speak.
New York, July 19, 1899.

To the Editor of the Journal:
Reading all your accounts of the war in the Philippines, I desire to state that I am in thorough accord with you in the stand you have taken from the outset in this matter.

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